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SUBJECT: COMMITTEE OF 24 (C-24): ADOPTS
CONCLUSIONS ON MILITARY BASES IN TURKS AND CAICOS
ISLANDS

REF: A) USUN 1553, B) USUN 1424 (NOTAL),

C) USUN 1398 (NOTAL), D) USUN 1397 (NOTAL)

1. ON MAY 11, THE SUB-COMMITTEE ON SMALL TERRITORIES ENDED A TWO MONTH HIATUS IN ITS CONSIDERATION OF THE TURKS AND CAICOS ISLANDS RESULTING FROM CZECH INSISTENCE (REFTELS) THAT THE SUB-COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAIN THE ASSERTION THAT THE BASES IN THE TERRITORY INHIBIT THE RIGHT OF THE PEOPLE TO SELF-DETERMINATION. AT THE CLOSE OF A TWO AND ONE-HALF HOUR MEETING DEVOTED TO LITTLE ELSE, THE SUB-COMMITTEE ADOPTED THE FOLLOWING LANGUAGE ON MILITARY BASES: "THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE RECALLING RELEVANT RESOLUTIONS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY CONCERNING MILITARY BASES REAFFIRMS ITS CONVICTION THAT THE PRESENCE OF FOREIGN MILITARY BASES IN THE TURKS AND CAICOS ISLANDS SHOULD NOT PREVENT THE PEOPLE OF THE TERRITORY FROM EXERCISING THEIR RIGHT TO SELF-DETERMINATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE DECLARATION AND THE PURPOSES AND PRINCIPLES OF THE CHARTER."

2. A NUMBER OF MEMBERS OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE WERE HELPFUL IN SUPPORTING AN AUSTRALIAN PROPOSAL THAT WAS THE SAME AS THAT ADOPTED EXCEPT THAT IT DID NOT CONTAIN THE INTRODUCTORY PHRASE "RECALLING RELEVANT RESOLUTIONS OF THE GA CONCERNING MILITARY BASES" AND IN OPPOSING CZECH, MALIAN, CONGOLESE AND SUBDUED
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CUBAN EFFORTS TO ADOPT LESS FAVORABLE LANGUAGE. SUB-COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN KOUME (IVORY COAST) AND RAPPOETEUR MORRIS (AUSTRALIA) WERE VERY EFFECTIVE IN PRESSING FOR ACCEPTIBLE LANGUAGE WITH CONSIDERABLE HELP FROM ESFANDIARI (IRAN). SWEDISH MISOFF AHLANDER MADE REPEATED HELPFUL INTERVENTIONS IN THE LONG DEBATE, NOTING THAT SWEDEN DOES NOT REPEAT NOT SUPPORT THE VIEW THAT ALL FOREIGN MILITARY BASES INHIBIT THE RIGHT OF PEOPLES OF NON-SELF-GOVERNING TERRITORIES TO SELF-DETERMINATION. INDONESIA (LOEIS) ALSO MADE A HELPFUL STATEMENT AND INDIA (SIKRI) PROPOSED THE FORMULATION WHICH WAS FINALLY ADOPTED BY CONSENSUS. TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO, CHILE AND YUGOSLAVIA SAID NOTHING, AND BULGARIA, ETHIOPIA AND IRAQ WERE ABSENT. AFGHAN MISOFF TOLD MORRIS HE COULD SUPPORT THE AUSTRALIAN CONSENSUS FORMULATION AND CUBA AND MALI MADE SIMILAR STATEMENTS IN THE DEBATE, IN THE CASE OF MALI WITH A STRONG RESERVATION CATEGORICALLY AFFIRMING THAT ALL FOREIGN MILITARY BASES IN COLONIAL TERRITORIES INHIBIT THE RIGHT TO SELF-DETERMINATION.

3. COMMENT: WE BELIEVE THAT ONE EXPLANATION FOR
CZECH DOGGEDNESS -- IN SPITE OF WIDESPREAD OPPOSITION --
WAS CONCERN THAT THE LANGUAGE ON MILITARY BASES IN
TURKS AND CAICOS MAY SERVE AS A PRECEDENT FOR THE
SUB-COMMITTEE'S CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS ON
MILITARY BASES IN OTHER TERRITORIES. WE ANTICIPATE
MORE OF THE SAME PROBLEMS FROM THE CZECHS AND BULGARIANS
ON BERMUDA AND GUAM. YOUNG

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